

DECD ANNOUNCES OVER 200 GRANTS TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE THROUGHOUT STATE

Arts & Cultural Non-Profits in 85 Communities to Share \$1 million in State Arts
Funding

(HARTFORD, CT) – The Department of Economic and Community Development's (DECD) Office of the Arts today announced that it has awarded just over \$1 million in grants to 205 arts and culture non-profits and individual artists through various programs.

"There is power in art. Its power comes in its messages, ability to inspire social change, and ability to bring people of all different backgrounds together and relate to each other," said Kristina Newman-Scott, Executive Director, Connecticut Office of the Arts and State Historic Preservation Officer. "We are so excited to have been able to support over 200 artists and art organizations through our grant programs and look forward to seeing the amazing work these investments will help facilitate."

The Connecticut Office of the Arts is charged with fostering the health of the creative economy. The Office develops and strengthens the arts in Connecticut and makes artistic experiences widely available to residents and visitors. Through their grant programs, the Office of the Arts invests in Connecticut artists and arts organizations and encourages the public's participation as creators, learners, supporters, and audience members.

This year's recipients represent a broad spectrum of arts and cultural activities and come from 85 different communities from across Connecticut. <u>Click here</u> for a complete list.

Application guidelines for the grant programs are available on the Office of the Arts website.

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